

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident - Interstate 270 Northbound on Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Yeshi S Ambaye (W)

Date of Activity: 03/05/2021

Activity Location: - 1270 and Noe-Bixby Rd, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County

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Narrative:

On March 5, 2021, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations was contacted by the Columbus Police Division (CPD) about an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OCIC) that occurred on Interstate 270 N just south of Interstate 70. CPD officials explained that a vehicle pursuit began with a subject later identified as Andrew Teague with a felony warrant. CPD said the pursuit was canceled due to the non-compliance to stop. CPD stated other law enforcement agencies ultimately spotted the vehicle on the I-270 Outerbelt around Columbus. CPD stated the subject turned around on the interstate and traveled southbound into the northbound traffic on I-270. Law enforcement vehicles pursued Teague until he crashed into oncoming traffic. CPD explained Teague exited his car and shot at police officers. Officers returned gunfire and killed Teague on the roadway. BCI's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was contacted for the OICI investigation.

At approximately 1800 hours, BCI Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser arrived at the scene's location to assist with witness interviews. SA Roeser learned that several vehicles were within the crime scene area with occupants inside those vehicles who needed to be interviewed.

At approximately 1920 hours, SA Roeser contacted Yeshi S. Ambaye, the sole occupant of a 2014 Honda Accord, with an Ohio license plate number EUF9792. When SA Roeser approached the driver, he discovered she was on her cell phone with her husband. SA Roeser soon realized a language barrier would prohibit any conversation with her. The driver handed her cell phone off to SA Roeser, who then spoke to the driver's husband. Mr. Ambaye explained that all his wife witnessed was a traffic crash and then a man running down the roadway. Mr. Ambaye then explained that his wife has been gone all day and offered to come to get her and leave the vehicle as it sat. I told the driver's husband she would be on her way shortly.

The interview between SA Roeser and the Ambayes concluded at approximately 1926 hours.

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